

REPORT

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TO: Transportation and Communications Committee – Subcommittee on Task Forces

FROM: TCC Subcommittee on Task Forces/Committees
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SUBJECT: Policy Direction Regarding TCC Task Forces and Advisory Committees

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The following are the key recommendation from the TCC Subcommittee or Task Forces/Committees:

1. Goods Movement, Aviation (including Aviation TAC), Transportation Finance, and High Speed Transport/Maglev Task Forces should continue as on-going task forces. However, they should meet only on an as needed basis.
2. Transportation Finance Task Force will continue to discuss financing alternatives such as congestion pricing strategies and the Governor's Performance Based infrastructure (PPP) and provide outreach to the County Commissions on this subject.
3. Given the Transit Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) serves as the required forum for transit operators per the MOU SCAG maintains with the transit operators pursuant to federal planning regulations, they should be continued.
4. The Plans and Programs TAC serves as a forum for key stakeholders (CTCs, Caltrans, Subregions etc.) to provide technical input to the RTP. P&P TAC should be carried over in some form, but with more specific direction, clear membership, and clear mandates. Staff will return to TCC with a recommendation after the adoption of the RTP in April.
5. All other task forces, committees should be on ad-hoc basis with specific objectives and time frame. The chairs of the policy committees should have the ability to create ad-hoc committees as needed, tighten rules for attendance and participation, and establish guidelines for setting meeting dates. The appointments to task forces and sub-committees should be either made by policy committee chairpersons, or by the president, but only upon recommendation of the policy committee chairman.
6. Send out a letter to the current members of the proposed on-going task forces asking them to submit a letter of interest to continue remaining on the task force. Non-response would result in removal from the task force.

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BACKGROUND:

The TCC discussed the RTP Task Forces and Committees briefly at their last meeting on February 7, 2008. It was decided at that meeting that a subcommittee would be tasked to discuss this matter and develop recommendation for the full body of the TCC. The TCC members who volunteered to be on this subcommittee include Hon. Art Brown, Hon. Ron Roberts, Hon. Keith Millhouse, Hon. Leann Garcia, Hon. John Chlebnik, Hon. Barbara Messina, Hon. Lou Bone, Hon. John Beaman.

Accordingly, a teleconference of this Sub-committee was held on Feb. 21, 2008 at 9:00 am. Attendees of the teleconference included TCC Chair Hon. Alan Wapner, Hon. Ron Roberts, Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, and Hon. John Chlebnik. SCAG present included Hasan Ikhata, Rich Macias, Naresh Amatya, and Philip Law. The recommendations outlined above came out of this teleconference.

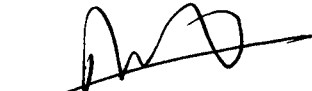
STAFF RESOURCES:

Staff estimates 20 person-hours of time required per meeting, including preparation of agenda, agenda materials and attachments, and meeting minutes. Additional resources required include printing costs for agendas and handouts, and staff travel costs for off-site meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

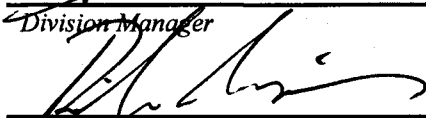
There is no fiscal impact. Certain savings could be realized if the task force meetings are reduced overall, which could be directed towards additional planning work.

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